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## **BREDESEN ANNOUNCES HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS 'FIRST RESPONDERS' TO RECEIVE MAJORITY OF FUNDS**

**Nashville, TN** – Governor Phil Bredesen today announced the State of Tennessee will receive nearly \$11 million in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security—the vast majority of which will be passed along to local jurisdictions.

Bredesen, who earlier pledged to push “every possible dime” in federal homeland security funding down to the local level, said most of the money will be divided and passed along to first responders in all 95 counties in Tennessee. In all, local officials could begin receiving \$8.34 million as early as July to spend on a range of needs, including equipment and training exercises.

“Local police, sheriffs and emergency personnel are on the front line in our homeland security efforts,” Bredesen said. “Homeland security requires a huge commitment of time at the local level, and it places an enormous demand on resources that are already stretched thin.”

Underscoring his commitment to first responders, Bredesen instructed state officials to pass along 87% of the funds specifically earmarked for new equipment even though federal law requires only 80%. The Governor added: “We are committed to putting the lion’s share of this money into the hands of those who need it most, and those who can use it most effectively.”

Following the new federal grant, local jurisdictions will receive a total of \$6.7 million for equipment, \$1.6 million to conduct homeland security exercises and \$110,000 for ongoing training programs. The minimum local grant amount is \$30,000 and the maximum is \$400,000.

With the exception of \$300,000 to be held for security upgrades in state buildings, any money not sent directly to local jurisdictions will be used to establish regional Homeland Security offices that will support local jurisdictions and to buy equipment that will support local efforts.

Homeland Security Director Jerry Humble said the state will continue looking for ways to support the efforts of local jurisdictions through the Homeland Security Council, which was recently expanded to add local representation. “The Bredesen administration is listening closely to the needs of first responders,” Humble said.

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## DISTRIBUTION OF HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDS BY COUNTY

Anderson	\$60,000	Fayette	\$40,000	Knox	\$400,000
Bedford	40,000	Fentress	30,000	Lake	30,000
Benton	30,000	Franklin	40,000	Lauderdale	30,000
Bledsoe	30,000	Gibson	40,000	Lawrence	40,000
Blount	175,000	Giles	30,000	Lewis	30,000
Bradley	100,000	Grainger	30,000	Lincoln	40,000
Campbell	40,000	Greene	60,000	Loudon	40,000
Cannon	30,000	Grundy	30,000	McNairy	30,000
Carroll	40,000	Hamblen	60,000	Macon	30,000
Carter	60,000	Hamilton	400,000	Madison	175,000
Cheatham	40,000	Hancock	30,000	Marion	40,000
Chester	30,000	Hardeman	30,000	Marshall	30,000
Claiborne	40,000	Hardin	30,000	Maury	60,000
Clay	30,000	Hawkins	60,000	Meigs	30,000
Cocke	40,000	Haywood	40,000	McMinn	40,000
Coffee	40,000	Henderson	30,000	Monroe	30,000
Crockett	30,000	Henry	40,000	Montgomery	225,000
Cumberland	40,000	Hickman	30,000	Moore	30,000
Davidson	400,000	Houston	30,000	Morgan	30,000
Decatur	30,000	Humphreys	30,000	Obion	40,000
DeKalb	30,000	Jackson	30,000	Overton	30,000
Dickson	40,000	Jefferson	40,000	Perry	30,000
Dyer	40,000	Johnson	30,000	Pickett	30,000

<b>Polk</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>Shelby</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>Van Buren</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>Putnam</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>Smith</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>Warren</b>	<b>40,000</b>
<b>Rhea</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>Stewart</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>175,000</b>
<b>Roane</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>Sullivan</b>	<b>175,000</b>	<b>Wayne</b>	<b>30,000</b>
<b>Robertson</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>Sumner</b>	<b>175,000</b>	<b>Weakley</b>	<b>40,000</b>
<b>Rutherford</b>	<b>225,000</b>	<b>Tipton</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>40,000</b>
<b>Scott</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>Trousdale</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>Williamson</b>	<b>175,000</b>
<b>Sequatchie</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>Unicoi</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>Wilson</b>	<b>100,000</b>
<b>Sevier</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>Union</b>	<b>30,000</b>		